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WATKIN'S DRUG STORE MATERIALLY DAMAGED IN EARLY MORNING FIRE

Most Disastrous Kingman
Fire in Years Damages
Old Established Business
to Extent of \$15,000.

One of the most damaging fires Kingman has had for years occurred early last Monday morning, when almost the entire stock of H. H. Watkins' store was ruined by a smoldering fire.

The cause of the fire is thought to have been spontaneous combustion, and though the exact time of the starting is not known, it probably started some time before midnight Sunday. Inasmuch as there was no draft to speak of, the fire did not blaze much and was not noticeable. Finally, at about 3 o'clock, Deputy Sam Miller noticed the lights were off and upon investigation found the place was on fire. He sounded the alarm, fired three shots and then ran up to arouse Mr. Watkins who was soon on the scene. The whistle blew for more than a half hour and finally some thirty or forty fire fighters were aroused, and at 5 A. M. they practically had the fire out. Such chemicals as could be mustered were used, and the fire hose was connected to the hydrant close by, but the use of this was not so effective as it would have been had there been no leaks in it. It finally did the business however.

The work of the fire fighters was very good, but it can not be doubted that it would have been more effective had there been an organized fire fighting force with proper fire fighting apparatus. As it was, Kingman was fortunate that there was a smoldering fire rather than a blaze.

Several of the bottles on the shelves containing chemicals exploded from time to time, but a barrel of denatured alcohol in the basement did not catch, though the fire burned through the floor directly above it.

Mr. Watkins estimates the loss at about \$15,000 as though much of the stock was not burned it was ruined by smoke and water. The place was well protected by insurance and the adjusters arrived this morning from San Francisco.

The Watkins store has occupied the present quarters for the past 38 years and though this was the third fire during that period, the other two were not nearly as destructive.

Mr. Watkins states that the store will be restocked as soon as possible and probably be open for business within a month.

JUDGE BOLLINGER CALLED TO MARICOPA CO. COURT

Judge E. Elmo Bollinger tried three cases in the Superior Court of Maricopa County this week, among them the hearing of the mandamus proceedings brought by State Auditor Ingalls to compel State Auditor Boyce to pay him his salary. Judge Bollinger took the case under advisement and will render a decision sometime within the next 60 days. This is the third time this case has come up in one form or another, as the result of Governor Thomas Campbell ousting Harris from office and appointing Ingalls in his stead. Ingalls is doing the work now in spite of proceedings brought some time ago by Harris to oust him, but the unhappy part of it from Ingalls' viewpoint is that he is not drawing any salary.

PYTHIAN SISTERS INITIATE THREE

Last Saturday evening at their regular bi-monthly meeting, Oasis Temple No. 22, Pythian Sisters initiated three candidates into the mysteries of their order.

The ladies who successfully rode the "goat" were Mesdames Ora Steed, Iva Brewer and Pearl Staten.

Oasis Temple is a very busy fraternity at this time and the future promises even more, as they have a waiting list of candidates numbering close to a half hundred.

TONY JOHNS HERE

Senator Tony Johns is again with us for a few days. We hear a good deal about the possibilities of Johns coming out for Governor this year, but the senator is very quiet when the conversation drifts in that direction.

MESSANGER BOY GETS A "THANK-YOU" FOR LOST WALLET RETURNED

Glen Johnson, messenger boy at the Western Union, picked up a purse last Wednesday which he found to contain \$75 in cash and a ticket from Albuquerque to Los Angeles.

After hunting around town for the owner for some time, he found him in the post office, where he had dropped the purse, and returned it to him. The man thanked him for it.

There are two interesting features to this story, one that the boy was honest enough to set out in search of the owner, and the other that there is a man mean enough in the world to let a messenger boy return a lost wallet with \$75 in cash, and reward him with nothing more than a pleasant smile. However the boy was perfectly satisfied and he knows he did the right thing to return the purse, regardless.

LAST CALL FOR IN- COME TAX RETURNS

Mohave County people have been busy this week making out their income taxes as this is the last week they may be filed. March 15th, next Monday is the dead-line.

One question that has been asked many times is whether an individual has to make an income tax return if he has not made a thousand dollars this past year. The answer is that he does, regardless of the fact whether his income has been enough to have to pay a tax.

If you have not made a return, do it to-day.

K. OF P. LODGE PUR- CHASES BUILDING SITE

Last Tuesday night the Knights of Pythias took the preliminary steps in the purchase of the 50 foot lot and building on the southwest corner of 5th and Beale streets from J. H. Conway. This lot is well situated and will make ideal location for a Castle Hall at some future time when the lodge feels that they wish to build. In the meantime they will rent the building that is now situated upon it.

The Knights of Pythias lodge is steadily growing and have done well to purchase such a lot while it is still available.

At the Tuesday night meeting Tommy Hayes was initiated in the first rank and Rex R. Russell and Stanley A. Day were given the third rank.

The dance last Saturday night was well attended and netted the lodge about \$200 which amount will be used in support of the band that is being organized by the lodge.

AUBREY INVESTMENT CO. SHEARING AT MCCONNICO

The Aubrey Investment Company is shearing at McConnico this week. After the shearers have handled this lot of sheep, they will go to Wallapai to shear some sheep for Colen Campbell and later return to work on some more sheep for the Aubrey Investment Company. The Hudspeth Sheep Company will not shear until about the 15th of April.

HERE ON BUSINESS

T. E. Pollock spent Friday in Kingman on business and from appearances pneumonia left him with no ill effects. Mr. Pollock was accompanied by H. J. McClung, president of the Phoenix National Bank. R. R. Pollock and Frank Bliss, of Iowa Falls, Nebraska, an old friend of Mr. Pollock's, happened to be in town the same day.

DANCE TO-NIGHT

The Kingman Gun Club will hold the third of their series of dances, to-night at the Odd Fellows Hall. These dances have been popular and the attendance is good.

There will be a change in the music this week with Tommy Hayes at the piano, Jimmy James and Abie Bales at the drums.

The public is invited.

CHAUTAUQUA HERE APRIL 29 TO MAY 2

The Ellison-White Chautauqua will be held in Kingman April 28 to May 2 according to advices received here this week.

Season tickets were sold here a couple of months ago and receipts issued which will be exchanged for the regulation ticket sometime before the chautauqua starts.

The Ellison-White people announce the following people on their lecture staff this year: Marion Ballou Fisk, cartoonist-lecturer; Joel W. Eastman, who will talk on present day problems; Mrs. D. Pirie Beyea, America's first volunteer Red Cross nurse and Charles D. Price, with beautiful slides illustrating the wilds of Alaska.

Their music and entertainment will consist of MacGregor's Vocal Quartette, Ruby Page Ferguson, reader and interpreter of plays, the Reingers, impersonators and make-up artists, the Sterns-Gregg company with the best of the classics and Madam Josephine Martino, primo donna soprano.

Before the last of next week their advance man will be in Kingman to arrange details.

KILLED ON ROAD BY FALL FROM MACHINE

Jung Ting, Chinese, died Sunday night as the result of injuries received from a fall from the back of the machine in which he was riding in from the Daisell Mining Company's property. The accident occurred Sunday afternoon at about 5 o'clock, about two miles this side of Union.

Following is the report of the coroner's jury: "Deceased was named Charlie Ting, was a native of California, aged 42 years and that he came to his death on the 8th day of March, 1920, in this county, from injuries received in an accidental fall from an automobile on the evening of March 7th, 1920."

All of which we duly certify by this inquisition, in writing by us signed, this 9th day of March, 1920.

Just how and why Ting left the machine is not known but he either became frightened for fear the machine in which he was riding was going to collide with another machine they were passing, or he was thrown from the machine when it turned out of the road to let the passing machine by. He fell on his head which caused injuries from which he died.

Ting had nearly \$500 on his person in currency.

E. M. Binford
L. L. Neal
L. F. Rothe
B. F. Switzer
Ed Imus
Henry Lefler
J. A. Farrell
F. G. Kayser

Ting was a cousin of Bill and "Happy" Yee.

WILL OPEN UP FIRST CLASS EATING PLACE

The Taylor Cafe which has been closed up for some time on account of the illness of Mrs. Taylor, will be opened next week some time under new management. Some local business men are financing the proposition, it is understood, and have secured the services of a first class cook.

Wednesday night has been fixed as the opening night.

First class food will be furnished and first class service maintained.

NEAR EAST RELIEF FUNDS MAY BE PAID ARIZ. CENT. BANK

There has been considerable confusion as to where Near East Relief subscriptions should be paid in.

We are informed that the Arizona Central Bank has been named as a depository by the Near East Relief and that subscriptions may be paid in there.

MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

James B. Uncapher came in from Mineral Park last Tuesday in quest of a doctor, having had the misfortune to get a piece of steel in one of his eyes. The steel particle was successfully removed without injuring the sight of the eye.

WILL SHIP ONYX FROM MOHAVE CO.

Noli Brothers and Grannis have disposed of their interests in the onyx quarry, situated a few miles north of Kingman and the new owners are to begin shipments to Los Angeles as soon as a heavier crane is put in to handle the large blocks of rock. The purchasers are Joseph Monahan, of Phoenix, and W. H. Larkin of Prescott. These gentlemen also are shipping tufa rock from a quarry in Kirkland valley to Los Angeles, where it is being used for building purposes. It was this tufa that went into the construction of the capitol building at Phoenix, and is said to be one of the best grade so far found in the state.

The operation of the onyx quarry will provide a new industry for this section, quite a number of people being employed in the mining and dressing of the stone. The past month several men have been employed at the mine, a shaft having been sunk 50 feet on the vein and the ledge stripped for a long distance. Some splendid blocks of the stone have already been shipped to the shop in Los Angeles, where it will be dressed and polished. The stone is hard and takes a splendid polish, making it valuable for decorative purposes.

CENTRAL COMMERCIAL CO. ENTERTAINS EMPLOYEES

Last night some seventy people, employees of the Central Commercial Co., and their families, gathered in the store, as guests of the company for a social evening. This party was the beginning of the reorganization of the employees, which was started three years ago, but which was interfered with by the coming on of the war.

The lower floor of the big store was cleared for dancing, card tables were arranged for those who wished to play, a program was arranged and refreshments were served later in the evening. The well balanced program for the evening afforded an excellent time for everyone.

Following was the program for the evening:

Piano Solo—Theima Clack.
Address of Welcome—J. M. Gates.
Vocal Duet—Emma Martinez and Dorothy Smith.
Violin Obligato—Gladys Cook.
Guessing Contest won by Agnes Kelley & W. L. Robinson.
Accordion Solo—Clara Bonelli.
Address—"Loyalty" by Joe Rosenberg.
Piano Duet—Mabel & Edith Carrow.
Reading—Ruth Long.
Vocal Solo—Wilma O. Spicer.
Cards, dancing and refreshments.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE GIVEN NEXT WED. EVENING

The ladies of the Catholic Church have been busy the past week getting ready for the dance next Wednesday night at the Elks Hall. This St. Patrick's Day dance will uphold the usual high standard for dances given by these ladies in preceding years.

The hall will be decorated to suit the occasion and good music will be provided.

Refreshments will be served during the evening.

NOW WITH DUDLEY INTERESTS

I. C. Bateman is now connected with the Dudley interests as assistant to Mr. Dudley.

Mr. Bateman has spent most of his life in the interests of mining and should prove a valuable assistant to Mr. Dudley. He was a resident of Mohave County for a period of two years before he located in San Francisco, where he made his headquarters up to the time of his coming here.

MISTAKE

This paper made an error last week in the report of the Highway Commission, mentioning Unit B. as containing the Union Basin section, which should have read Union Pass section. As a consequence the Union Pass people were up in arms thinking they had been left out of the appropriations. We have made the correction in the report in this weeks paper.

WILL COLLECT ELK HORNS IN ARIZONA FOR BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

For the purpose of classifying the elk specie in Arizona the United States forestry department is making a collection of elk horns for the biological survey at Washington. Some question has arisen as to the exact specie of elk that were brought from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and this is to be settled by the biologists of the department of agriculture. It is contended that the elk are not the true breed, having crossed with the moose, the horns being flatter and wider than the specie that have kept the blood pure.

ALMAN FINED IN FEDERAL COURT

Arthur Alman, of Needles, who was indicted by a federal grand jury some months ago, plead guilty to a charge of conspiring to evade the dry laws of the state and was fined the sum of \$1,000 by Judge Dyer in the federal court at Phoenix, last Wednesday. Mr. Alman was indicted with several others on the same charge and the trials of the others have not yet come on. It would appear that certain Phoenix men were in the booze running game, carrying liquor across the state line at Topock, thence to Phoenix and farther south. Several of these obtained their cargo at Topock and other points remote from the habitat of officers and then made the run for the large towns of the state, where the liquors were retailed. One of the methods was to purchase a ticket at Los Angeles and a berth on the Pullman the liquor being placed in the berth and being delivered by the conductor, porter or brakeman, who were in on the deal, to a waiting automobile at some small station or watering place. While this pretense has been broken up to some extent it was found to be one of the best methods known to get the liquor across the line. The main headquarters for the shipment of the liquors was Los Angeles. It is possible that while Mr. Alman was technically guilty it is well known that he had no part in the transportation of the liquors into this state.

PANDOLFO LOSES IN HIS SUIT AGAINST BANKERS

The famous Pandolfo cases, which came before the federal court at Phoenix, a few days ago, have passed out, Judge Dyer sustaining a demurrer to the complaint. Pandolfo was given ten days in which to file an amended complaint. The case was brought against all the banks and bankers of the state, the plaintiff claiming that he was damaged in reputation to the amount of one million dollars by reason of a circular letter sent out by the Arizona Bankers Association warning bankers and others of the activity of Pandolfo and of the questionable character of his promotions. Pandolfo was found guilty in federal court at Chicago some time ago and is serving a sentence for using the mails to defraud the dear public.

MRS. J. N. COHENOUR RECEIVES WORD OF DEATH OF DAUGHTER

Mrs. J. N. Cohenour received a telegram Friday morning which brought the sad news of the death of her daughter Mrs. Julia Mount at Fresno, California. The telegram did not state the cause of her death. Mrs. Cohenour and family accompanied by her sister, Mrs. A. S. Coon and her son, John Brown, left for Fresno yesterday at noon.

BABY BOY

Bill Klein's face is wreathed with smiles this week for last Monday morning a little visitor arrived at the Klein home and what's more "it's a boy."

The little fellow weighs 8 pounds and Bill says is better looking than his dad.

Mrs. Klein is getting along nicely.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Morning Service, 11:00 A. M. Evening Service, 7:30 P. M. Tuesday Evening Lenten Service at 7:45.

Rev T. H. DODD, Minister.

OATMAN MEN TAKE OVER GARAGE HERE

A company composed of Oatman men this week bought the Highway Garage from Sumner Beecher and will take charge at once.

The company is known as the Farrow-Stackpool Automobile Company in which Wallace Keith, F. B. Farrow and Roy Stackpool are interested. This company will also control the Oatman Auto Supply Company and the Oatman Garage and Machine Shop at Oatman. Farrow and Stackpool will be actively engaged in the running of the business.

This company has the agencies for Essex, Hudson and Maxwell cars.

Mr. Keith, in discussing the new venture says the company will endeavor to maintain a high standard of service for the people of Mohave County.

PIONEER DIES AT HOME IN PRESCOTT

Stephen Henkle, who was admitted to the Pioneer Home at Prescott about three years ago, died in that institution last Tuesday, after a short illness, aged about 74 years.

Stephen Henkle came to Mohave County in the early seventies in company of his uncle, Moses W. Henkle, and remained here until the rush to Tombstone in 1879. In company of Ben Maynard he made the trip to the big southern silver camp on horseback, covering the distance of about four hundred miles in record time. After Tombstone started down hill he returned to Mohave County and remained here until a few years ago when he was admitted to the Home. He had been foreman at several of the mines in the county, his last work having been done on the Tom Reed, where he sustained injury from caving rock. It was this accident that put him out of commission and caused him to make application for admission to the Home.

Stephen Henkle was a fine fellow, and had a host of friends wherever known. He was a native of Iowa.

BEECHER WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE STAGE LINE

Sumner Beecher, who disposed of his garage business this week, will continue to run the Kingman-Oatman stage and sell Chevrolet. In addition to this, in company with Ray Robinson, he has lined up the Studebaker agency for Mohave County. This agency was being sought it is understood by two or three other Mohave County men and Beecher and Robinson feel themselves fortunate in having landed it.

UNUSUAL AND INTERESTING PROGRAM BY LADIES AID

Members of the Ladies Aid Society gave a very interesting program at the Methodist Church last Thursday night for the entertainment of their husbands. The entertainment consisted of a musical program upstairs and a series of sixteen tableaux in the basement of the church.

The tableaux represented an old photograph album of a southern family, portraying the pictures of the family for two or three generations back. Mrs. C. L. Lewis, who arranged the tableaux, explained each picture.

There were some very interesting make-ups. Douglas Haig Manson, represented the grandfather when a child, "Dad" Morley was the grandfather and Mrs. F. E. Parsons the grandmother as the pages of the album were turned. Allen Ware was the Kentucky Colonel, with goatee and all the trimmings. Miss Higgins was the colonel's first wife, very precise and who died young, Peggy Parsons was the second wife who was frivolous and led the colonel to marry a third time, this time choosing a nurse, the picture of whom was represented by Cora Lamson.

Dr. Wm. Todd was cousin John, the doctor and, by the way carried a cane formerly used by Abraham Lincoln which was left to Mrs. Todd's grandfather.

Earl Parsons and George Claytor represented the twins at the age of 10. James A. Moore was the patriarch.

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